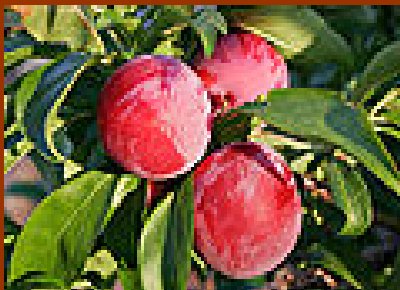


Good Neighbors



Yakima County Horticultural
Pest & Disease Board
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“Assisting the Growers of Yakima County in the
production of top quality tree fruit”



Introduction



- The Horticultural Pest & Disease Board:
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Mission: Reducing Pests and Diseases
Impacting the Growers of
Yakima County





- Pests of Concern: Codling Moth
Apple Maggot
Cherry Fruit Fly
Pear Psylla
Scale



- These are the main targets and can cause great economic losses to growers!
- Fire blight, Apple Scab, Cherry Leaf Roll and other diseases are of concern as well!

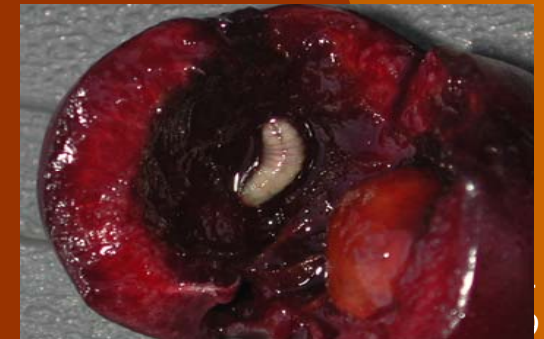
Service to Growers



- Are these pests affecting your orchard?
- These pests increase cost and losses!
 - Increased applications and labor
 - Cullage
 - Decreased production
 - Foreign and domestic market issues



This is a huge problem!



RCW 15.09.060



- Each horticultural pest and disease board shall have the following powers and duties:
 - (1) To receive complaints concerning the infection of horticultural pests and diseases on any parcel of land within the county;
 - (2) To inspect or cause to be inspected any parcel of land within the county for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of horticultural pests and diseases.
 - (3) **To order any landowner to control and prevent the spread of horticultural pests and diseases from his property.**
 - (4) To control and prevent the spread of horticultural pests and diseases on any property within the county and to charge the owner for the expense of such work.
 - (5) To employ such persons and purchase such goods and machinery as the board of county commissioners may provide.
 - (6) To adopt, following a hearing, such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this chapter.

What we do

- After receiving a complaint:
 - Inspection is performed
 - Determination of Pests/Diseases present
 - Notify site owner of problem(s)
 - Schedule follow-up inspection
 - Determine if problem resolved?



Complaint Process:



1. Receive complaint

- signed complaint = inspection
- verbal complaint = inspection

2. Notification

- Notify problem site owner of pest or disease affecting neighbors
- to proceed beyond notification to problem site owner, a signed complaint is required

“Honey vs. Vinegar”



- Have **you** spoken to your neighbor?
 - often a friendly conversation is all it takes!
- If you don't meet with success or the owner of the problem site is uncooperative?
 - Call the Horticultural Board
- Problems can be resolved!
 - many sites have been resolved, letting site owners know about problems coming from their trees is all it usually takes!

Program



- Horticultural Pest & Disease Board is now an “Assessed Department”
 - \$1.50/acre of tree fruit = growers share
 - \$1.00/parcel = home owners share
 - actual budget for present and future work
 - full time position
- Report problems as soon as possible
 - before they are destructive
 - keep track of trap counts, and fruit injury



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